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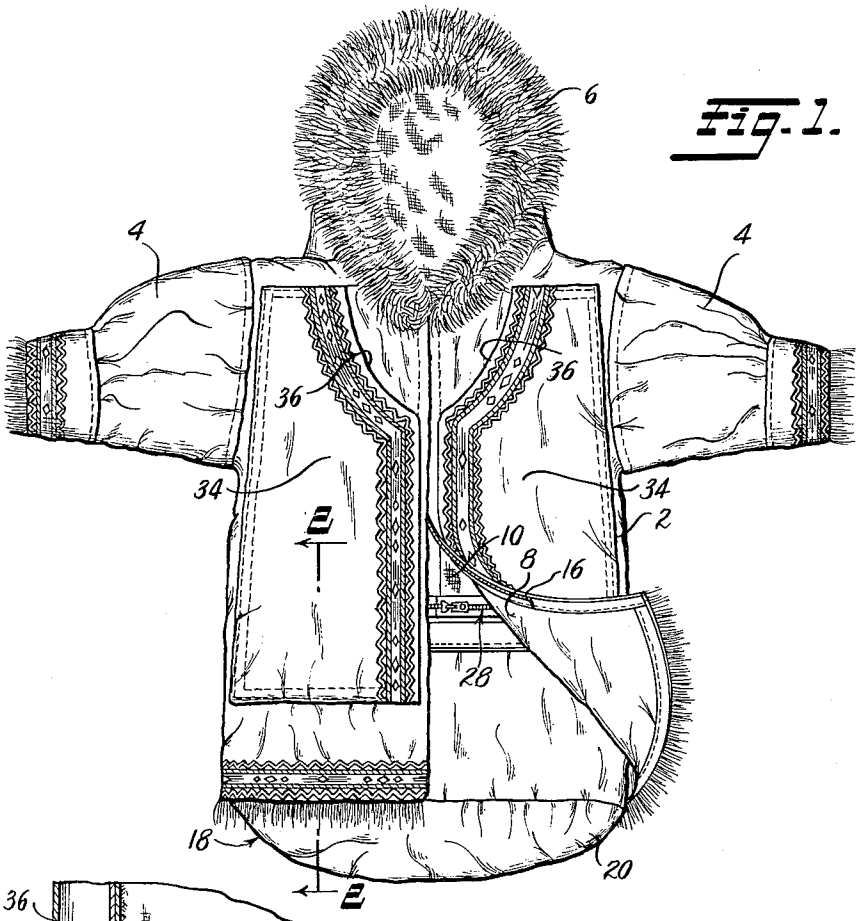


Fig. 1.

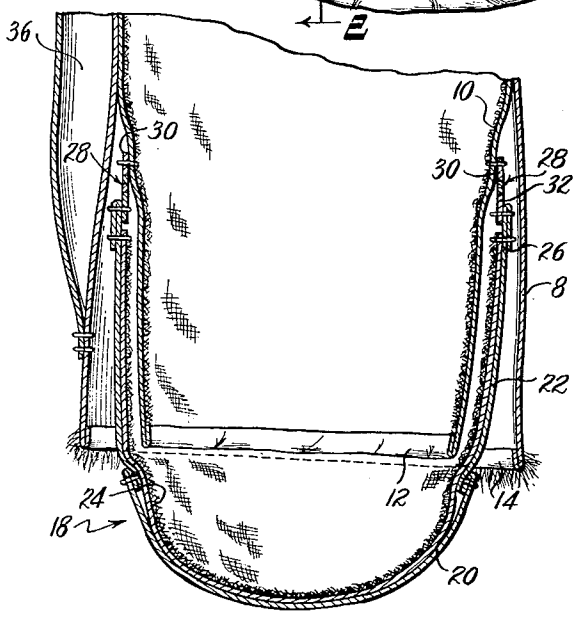


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a garment of novel construction which may be selectively used as a baby bunting or as a parka without making any structural modifications or changes.

In general the invention comprises what is basically a parka, preferably of a size for use by relatively small children. The parka is provided with a lining that is free of securement to the outer ply of material around the bottom regions of the parka. An open bag-like closure fits around the bottom of the lining and extends upwardly between the lining and the outer ply to completely enclose the bottom of the garment. The closure is secured to the outer face of the lining by a circumferentially extending slide fastener or equivalent means and when in place, converts the garment into a baby bunting. Upon removal of the closure, the garment becomes a conventional parka. The invention also comprises the provision of specially designed pockets of particular utility when the garment is used as a bunting.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a garment selectively convertible from parka to baby bunting, or vice versa, and in which complete and full use in each form is possible, there being no interfering attachments or appurtenances.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the type set forth employing novel structural features.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the type set forth wherein the essential features of the invention may be incorporated while changing design features to correspond to current fashion trends.

A further object is to provide such a garment that is relatively economical to produce and yet reliable and efficient in operation.

Still further objects and advantages will become apparent to those skilled in the art as the description proceeds with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front view of garment embodying the present invention with a portion thereof folded outwardly to illustrate the underlying construction; and

FIG. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially along the line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

The garment shown in the drawings comprises a main portion consisting of a body portion **2** adapted to cover the torso of the wearer, sleeves **4** and a hood **6** joined to the body portion **2** along the usual neckline (not identified). The garment, comprising a parka, is provided with an outer ply **8** of material and a separate lining **10**. The lining **10** extends downwardly to a lower edge **12** at substantially the same level as the lower edge **14** of the outer ply **8**. A suitable separable slide fastener or the like **16** is provided to selectively hold the front opening of the body portion **2** closed, in the usual manner.

A removable bottom closure **18** is provided for the garment and is in the general form of an open-topped bag. It will be referred to hereinafter as an open bag-like closure, and consists of a bottom panel **20** preferably of the same material as the outer ply **8**, and a peripheral wall portion **22** sewed to the periphery of the bottom panel **20**. The closure is further provided with an inner lining **24** covering the entire inner surface thereof and extending to the upper peripheral edge of the closure at which position it is secured by stitching **26** or the like. A separable slide fastener **28** extends peripherally around the outer surface of the lining **10** at a level well above the edges **12** and a substantial distance upwardly **14** and in the space between outer ply **8** and lining **10**. The ends of the slide fastener **28** are positioned inwardly of the slide fastener **16** at the front opening of body portion **2**. The slide fastener **28** is of the separable variety wherein the parts may be completely separated. One of the parts **30** of separable slide fastener **28** is stitched or otherwise secured to the lining **10** and the other part **32** thereof is stitched or otherwise secured to the peripheral edge of the closure **18**. The closure **18** may thus be secured to the garment by manipulation of the slide fastener **28** in a well-known manner to form the garment into a baby bunting and it is to be noted that the lining **10** extends downwardly into the bag-like closure **18**, whereas the outer ply **8** extends downwardly outside the peripheral portion of the bag-like closure. As is obvious, the portion **30** of the slide fastener is located sufficiently far upwardly of the garment to enable its being lowered from time to time and secured in a new lower position to lengthen the bunting as the infant grows. Such lowering and relocating of the slide fastener will not be visible from the exterior of the garment and will in no way deface or mar the external appearance thereof even though the original line of stitching might be visible on the lining itself.

As is obvious, the closure **18** may be removed by separating the parts **30** and **32** of slide fastener **28** and the garment then becomes a conventional parka, preferably of a size to be worn by children.

Each of the front panel areas of body portion **2** is provided with a pocket **34** secured thereon. Preferably the pockets **34** cover the major portion of the frontal area of the body portion **2**. The pockets **34** are so constructed that the openings thereinto are defined by the upwardly and inwardly facing curved edges **36** in the general region of the neckline of the garment. The pockets **34** thus serve as handy containers or holder for infants' equipment when the garment is used as a bunting and the openings thereinto are so positioned as to provide ready and easy access to the pockets by the infant's attendant. The pockets **34** also and obviously are functional as pockets when the garment is being used as a parka. The pockets **34** may hold such items as baby's bottle and the like, or may even be provided with material comprising insulation to further assist in keeping an infant warm when inside the garment.

While a single specific embodiment of the invention is shown and described herein, it is understood that the same is merely illustrative and that other forms and modifications may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

In a sleeved baby bunting, a body portion of a length to extend beyond the feet of an infant and comprising an outer ply of material and a lining therein throughout substantially the entire area of said body portion, said lining being free of securement to said outer ply in the lower regions of said body portion, a closure for the bottom of said body portion in the form of a bag, the periphery of said closure extending upwardly between said outer ply and said lining a substantial distance upwardly from the bottom edge of said body portion and lining, and means for removably securing said closure to the outer face of said lining throughout its entire periphery and at a level

upwardly from the bottom edges of said body portion and said lining.

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